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I firmly believe that the issue that our country should have with monopolies is monopolistic power that can be used to raise prices while subsequently lowering standards. This kind of abuse is simply not happening with Microsoft. They are constantly on the ball and coming out with better and better software. Granted, it is extremely difficult to beat the Microsoft empire, but the empire is not yet an evil one by any account. From the consumer standpoint, Microsoft has been a beneficiary for small and large corporations alike. My father could not have started his own business without the excellent tools provided by Microsoft. I really don't care if MSFT took Netscape's market share away, if you had ever used Netscape you'd know it was a crummy browser compared to IE. It is not Microsoft that has engaged in anti-competitive practices, but rather our government has done so by bringing this lawsuit against the company. Competition breeds excellence. Why would MSFT not want to use every means possible to squash its competitors? That is just what competition is all about. Gates realized that the OS battle would be a winner-take-all one. He won. He receives the spoils of war. Now he has stayed on top of his game yet again by identifying the internet as a potential threat and directing the machinery of Microsoft to fully take advantage of the opportunities it provides. The Internet battle is slowly being won by MSFT as well, and why shouldn't they? To the victor go the spoils. Please settle the suit against MSFT quickly, because Bill Gates has done nothing but see to it that the industry gets better and better.

-Alex Kaufman